

Four Volumes of Water Plan Update 2003

DWR proposes to organize the California Water Plan Update 2003 in four volumes and related appendices, (1) the Water Plan, (2) Regional Reports, (3) Reference Guide and (4) Technical Guide.

Volume 1: Strategic Plan

Volume 1 would be used by water policy and decision makers, such as the governor's office; Legislature; federal, state, local governments, and non-governmental organizations, and resource managers. It would be organized and formatted as a strategic plan; concise and to the point including summaries of the Regional Reports in Volume 2. The Water Plan would have appendices with more detailed information.

Volume 2: Regional Reports (11 Separate Write-ups)

Volume 2 would include a complete set of Regional Reports for the state's 10 hydrologic regions and the mountain counties area. Each report would include today's conditions and challenges; regional plans, programs and projects; other available water management options, and how State government can efficiently and equitably assist the regions implement their plans. The Regional Reports would also be summarized in Volume 1.

Volume 3: Reference Guide (The Encyclopedia Water Plan)

Volume 3 would be used by a broad audience from decision makers to college and high school students. It would contain general reference information on California water resources and infrastructure supporting Volumes 1 and 2. In past Water Plans, this information was interspersed throughout the document. DWR is proposing to consolidate this reference material in Volume 3, making it more accessible to users and streamlining Volume 1. As a Reference Guide, it would be periodically updated and expanded, even after Update 2003 is published.

Volume 4: Technical Guide (Detailed Documentation)

Volume 4 would be used most by academia, technical staff in governmental and non-governmental organizations, consultants, and data customers. It would be organized and formatted as a technical/scientific document, and would include numerous appendices and citations to other information and documents (e.g., model documentation). This would include the information on the Assumptions & Estimates Web Site, such as process maps, data sources and details on the Update 2003 project organization and management. The Technical Guide will be the most voluminous of the four volumes and DWR would publish it after releasing the final Update 2003.